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PRESCOTT, OREGON

WATER AND RAIL SHIPMENTS
PHONE PRESCOTT

PRESCOTT, ORE., Oct., 1, 1911.

My Dear Kirby:

'Spect you were lonely for the time being- maybe someone else had the same feeling. Certainly glad to see the old boy so well situated. You could not have done a better thing. I turned down my chance to go to college, and now regret it.

Had a surprise today. Received a postal card from Mr. Belmont. Also heard from Ada, and she is as happy as a kid- thinks her old man the best ever because he scrubs the floors etc. He is surely setting a bad example for us future benedicts. By the way, Dallas wants to know why I can't come home Christmas. Our mill will close for general repairs, and wish to go to Frisco to see Jackson.

Am enclosing a picture I took with my kodak from the top of one of the nearby hills. You can see the railroad track and the mill. There are two boats at the dock, one loading for Valparaiso, Chile, and the other for Frisco.

The rainy season is upon us, 'nuf sed.

Have certainly had a nice time since coming to Prescott, and have gained in weight so can't complain.

Let me hear from you whenever possible.

With every wish for your success,

J. L. Co.

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MANUFACTURERS OF
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IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS
P.O. DRAWER M

Houston, Texas, October 2, 1911.

Well, yesterday was another Sunday. I did not get to go to Sunday School, but went to Endeavor. Miss Rou and I make a good team. We got along very well with Elsie and Johnnie. We bid fair to add Cleo Latchford to our crowd soon. At least I hope so. Elsie likes it fine. We stayed for church and heard a sermon on Divorces etc..... There were 70,000 divorces in the U.S. last year. Lets not add anything to that number.

Oh boy, I sure did miss you. Everybody I saw yesterday asked me if I wasn't lonesome. Mrs. Lockhart is back and she asked me and most everyone else. Of course, I am lonesome, but I am getting along very nicely. I am quite contented. I am taking life as it comes and getting the best out of everything around me. At least that is what I am trying to do.

She is back today and on everybodys nerves. She would get on mine if I had any, but I have been accused of not haveing nerves, heart or emotion or anything like either. Dan says he felt like quitting when he saw her this morning. That poor kid is lonesome some. His girl is in Mineral Wells. I have sent two or three deadheads for him. and also gotten two or three for him. I have a time sometimes keeping from taking them while JD.D. Sr. is around. Dan and I are Pals when it comes to Nellie though, we both would like to can her. Boy dear, if she had any faith in God she would have more faith in herself. She does not know that there is a God hardly. She is rather immoral. At least it seems so to me.

But I have faith. I know I can do my work satisfactorily. I can keep command over my emotions and not make a fool of myself.

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Alma



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 2, 1911.

Sweetheart:

Well, this has been another day in which I have done quite some work. Things seem to be going pretty smoothly just at present but don't know just when a volcano will bust. I like for comic operas to come and I just wish another one would hurry up. The boss (Mr. Isbell) has permission to fire her the next time she cuts up. That is part of my prayers each night. I hate to wish anyone ill, but I guess God will forgive me this time because I don't often do it, and then I make up in wishing you and myself all the good I can. See?

The Delphics are coming along quite regularly and I have no chance to kick. Say, I haven't seen Perry since you left that I can remember, certainly not for three or four Sundays. What has become of him. One of the boys said they saw him on the street the other night and he was dressed real nice. And say, dear, when Mr. Munger answers you about Annie, just send me his letter and I will return it to and not let another person see it besides myself. I am just curious. I don't want to think ill of them, and Mr. Ainsworth is about as puzzled as I am. I would also like to set him straight if I can, but if the reasons are such that they might reach her

I can't put it in the lessons we teach that they might learn
as puzzled as I am. I would just like to see the spirit of it
I will just keep it to myself.

I am getting along just fine, except all the old
stingy boys are just as stingy as ever. They never want
to take a slow girl like myself around. But, I don't have
to depend on them; I can go without them. See?

Here's something for you and your roommate.

"Thank God every morning when you get up

that you have something to do that day which
must be done whether you like it or not. Being
forced to work, and forced to do your best, will
breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle
never know. " --Charles Kingsley.

See the next time you are up. That is all of my business

Must go now, Good night dear,

With lots of love, I am,
Yours

Write some work. Things seem to be going pretty smoothly

Well, this has been another day of work. I have done

Sincerely:

Alma

Houston, Texas, October 4, 1911.

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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 6, 1911.
5:15 pm.

Dear Boy:

Well, what do you think? Why, I received that long looked for letter from my boy, in which he stated that he would write to me on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. That is perfectly satisfactory, that is if they get here on time.

I am just having the dickens of a time just at present. That blooming old strike has knocked everybody lopsided. Daddy is out in sympathy with them, or really and truly because he is afraid they might batter his beautiful countenance up some. Talk about it, and he is actually just sitting down waiting for it to end. He hasn't confidence enough in himself to get out and look for something else. These people who have no faith in God or themselves or anything or anybody else make me tired. There is not much love lost between us as it is and there is less everyday. Gee whiz. Help me boy dear. But I am not going to do or say anything I ought not to. I have kept my mouth shut this long. I think mother is keeping hers too shut up.

Say here is something I want to quote you from one of Mr. D.'s. letters today:

"Don't say that this plan may be a good one and I will carry it out some day. My experience is that that Some Day ~~always~~ never comes. Lets go at it without any hurrah noise and bring out the Brass Band after it is all over rather than before. In other words, even that meek and lowly individual the hen does not make any great big hurrah before she lays the egg, but she does all the cackling afterwards. I never say one of them yet that tore up the earth in preparation for the laying, but after it is all said and done she raises Cain."

Pretty good, isn't it kid, and say, do you think it applies to you? You bet it dont!! At least I hope not.

Say, I saw one of the old Massey boys on the car the other day and renewed acquaintance with him, and what do you think, He now lives on 13th st. too, and I hope I shall see him every now and then. I can't remember his name, but he is a blonde and works in a railroad office now. He has been in New Orleans for ~~quite~~ a while. He is now with the Frisco. When I find out his name I will tell you. I guess you will remember him. He is a smart kid, and just as neat as a pin. I think he lives with his mother.

We are about to starve now. Mother says that when no money comes in we have to be careful how it goes out. Blest if I am going to feed that family with a big healthy man sitting up there. Not I.

I am just about to melt, and have been melting by degrees for the past two or three weeks. I haven't weighed for about two weeks. I must weigh again soon. I don't want to get too stout.? Wouldn't I make a nice Mrs. P. being referred to as the Fat little Mrs. P. Wouldn't that sound funny? Think of it.

Boy dear I am

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

HOUSTON, TEXAS

10/7/11

Dear Kirby:

Your kind letter of the 24th July. was greatly enjoyed and indeed glad to hear that you are enjoying life.

I would have written to you sooner but owing to the change that I have made I could not see my way clear to do so.

I am now staying with Mr & Mrs Cohen at 1011 Bell Ave. will try to stay with them until the 1st of the year. I missed the Boarding house very much but I hope I will soon get over that.

CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
HOUSTON, TEXAS

I noticed Perry is back
with the street car
company. We are
having our first
cold wave and it
certainly fine.

Well wishing you
health & success.

your friend
Ed

1011 Bell Ave.



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 9, 1911.

My baby boy:

And thus endeth another week and beginnith' another still, to add unto the time that has passed and take away from the time that is between us.

Boy dear, I received your letter written on the 5th and 6th. I think you did perfectly right in regard to the lady mentioned, though you should teach Jack to tend to his own business. I guess you will have to preach him a sermon too, if you have not already done so. Of course, I don't object to your going with the girls up there. You know I don't want you to work your head off and never associate with any women folks at all, that would not be fair to yourself. You know that I will go with all the boys I can, if I just only get the chance. Don't you, boy?

Now, I am going to explode a bomb, if someone else has not already done so. I am going to tell you something that will surprise you. I went to visit yesterday after Sunday School at 506 McKinney Avenue. I did not tell mother that I was going or anyone else. Johnnie knew that I went somewhere but she did not know where. Boy dear, I saw your mother and Perry. I don't think he does right. He could treat her better if he only would, just simply by being kinder to her. He treats her like he always has, and Boy, it is a shame. She works hard all day and if he would only go home at nights and say a few kind words to her it would mean all in the world to her. She is hungry boy, hungry for a kind word from her boy at home. She knows that you always have a good word for her. Oh, if he was only like you. It would make her work so much easier.

Ivy is sick at the Texas Christian Santitarium. Been operated on for appendicitis. Perry got up a postal card shower for her, the cards to be sent today. I really do think that if she were not here to attract him he might do better. If there were less girls of her kind in this old world it would be better off. But God put them here and we are not the ones to question his judgment. We should try to remember that he has planned our destiny and we are to follow it, although it is with us, as we take it, whether it shall be pleasant or unpleasant, for as Bryant says of the Waterfowl:

He who from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that we must tread alone,
Will guide our steps aright.

Lovingly yours,

[illegible][illegible]

Now the time that is before us
still, to add into the time that has passed and take away
And thus endure another week and begin again another.
My reply now:

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October 10 1911

Mr Kirby Page

Des Moines Iowa

Dear Kirby:-

You probably have been led to believe that my failure to write to you has been due to carelessness but in this you were never more mistaken in your life. As a matter of fact since we returned from New York things have been in a delirious rush and we got horribly mixed up with our stenographic work, and not until this minute have I had a chance to write you and even now I am rushing it in.

The other morning when in the midst of a spasm of work the whistle blew and I was told that Mr Munger wanted me in his office. I hurried down and to my surprise saw the entire Bunch sitting around the old tables in conference formation. To use your phraseology I immediately thought some "under current" had returned to the surface for another conference and wondered where the lightning was going to strike this time.

You will have some idea of my pleased surprise when I found that in the midst of one of the busiest mornings we have had and after a long morning conference, Mr Munger had called us together to read to us a report of your first great dash into politics, of how you had almost been elected President of the Freshman Class. I believe that in the case of every man at the table we took as much pride in the incident as though it had been

a mark which we had personally achieved. Honestly Old Man we are proud of you and all the more because you insisted upon the yielding to the other Man. I know you will believe me when I say that I am not surprised at any such thing coming to you. Together with the other fellows here who know you and love you I am confidently looking to see you make a most honorable record, one which will not only be a pleasure to you while you are in College but a gratification to you as you look over the old days in your later life.

We opened our Older Boys Bible Classes with a Banquet at which almost one hundred and fifty boys were present. Everybody said it was by far the best affair of the kind we have had.

You will understand how I miss you these days when I tell you that we have not yet filled the vacancy your going made in our High School Bible Classes. I don't know where on earth I am going to find the teacher for the class which you taught so acceptably last year.

I guess we will all be so vividly reminded of your absence that we will have to wear a towel around our heads to absorb the superfluous tears when the Texas State Checker Tournament meets in this building.

I am developing some crack checker players now and you will be interested to know that a number of the boys are learning to play chess.

We have gotten our Poultry Club pretty well started and believe we are going to make a good thing of it this year.

I know this isn't a letter but I believe it will be evidence to you or the fact that I have not forgotten you. The Boys remember you every morning in our conferences and I believe that they do, as I do, in our private devotions.

I guess you feel quite far away from home some times but you may always be sure that you have a mighty warm spot in the hearts of all of this bunch here. It was at least three weeks after you left before we could get Miss Mitchell to regain her normal frame of mind. She still grieves but I think there is a young man here who is attempting to smooth the matter over for her. I will try to let you know before anything serious happens.

With best wishes from your

Friend

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. F. R." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parish Brown
invite you to be present at the
Church of the Holy Comforter
Cleburne, Texas

on Wednesday evening, October the eleventh
Nineteen hundred and eleven
at seven o'clock

to witness the marriage of their daughter
Bennie

to

Mr. Burke Baker



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 11, 1911.

Sweetheart of mine:

No letter from you today. This makes the second day without a letter as I haven't gotten anything since Sunday. Tomorrow I suppose I will get the letter written by you on Tuesday. Gee, dear, but it is a long time to have to wait for a letter. You know I try to get you one every other day. Never mind, though, boy, I know you are busy and can't well get time to write much. I am not worried.

Uncle Will was down yesterday and took the kids to the show. They sure would not have gotten a chance to go if I had had to take them because I could not get off and I just would not have liked to be bothered with them. We all three might have gotten lost and that would have been a great calamity. I wanted to go but no one would offer to take me so I stayed at home. However, I got to see the elephants as they passed the office in the morning. See?

I see that the street car men are likely to strike in D.M. and I don't like it, one bit. I don't mind you taking these girls home, but I don't like the idea of your walking the whole way. I know that the longest way around is the sweetest way home, but under the circumstances, ----????????? And then, too, you might hurt those blessed little feet of yours and that would be too bad.

How are you getting along in your exercises? You haven't said a word to me about them. I see in the Delphic where you are entered for a tournament in tennis. Hope you get some glory, and a lot of good from it. Keep it up.

Things going nicely here. it is warm again and I have on low neck and short sleeves again. I wore my coat Monday. Some change.

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DRAKE UNIVERSITY

DES MOINES, IOWA.

SHERMAN KIRK
DEAN, COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

October 12th 1911

My dear Perry:-

I was mighty glad to get your postal the other day, for I have been wondering just why you had not written me. I am also mighty glad to know that things have so arranged themselves that you can be in school again, and it is absolutely the best thing you could do. I am sure you realize only too well where you made your mistake when you were in Massey before, in that you did not apply yourself to your books and will not make the same mistake again. I am also sure that you realize now that a fellow can not expect to learn much unless he stays with the proposition early and late. Except for an occasional visit with Ivy you ought not to be away from your studies at night, and I am sure that this will be your custom. If you apply yourself as you ought, two or three months time will show a great change in you and in your ability.

Since coming here, I have oftener wondered whether or not you and I appreciate just what mother is sacrificing for us. Most mothers at her age have children upon whom they can depend, not only for financial support, but for sympathy and love as well, while our mother, I fear, has had very little of either. Think about it, old man, and do not allow yourself to waste the

spite of this fact, and because I love you, I feel that there are some things that I ought to say to you.

There is no doubt in my mind but that a college education is a necessity today if a man expects to reach the highest success and I am determined to have it and nothing short of a dire calamity will keep me from it now. As to my getting married, Alma and I have both decided that it will be wiser to wait a while and we are becoming reconciled to it.

If you expect to succeed in this world, Perry, there are some things that you will have to cut out of your life entirely. In the first place, in this day and age it is absolutely necessary that a man be strictly honest in all things. Then too you will have to choose better companions that you have in the past. If a fellow runs around with tough men sooner or later he will be a tough himself. This is a fact and there is no way to get away from it. If a fellow stays out late at night very much he is sure to get in bad and not only that but he will ruin his health. Then too a man that gambles can never hope to be a success at anything until he cuts it out. Above all other things, shun bad women and booze. They will get you quicker than all other things. Only a few men are blessed with a mind that is as keen as yours and you would make a leader among men if you would only cut out your foolishness and settle down to business. Give some serious thought, old man, and after you have thought then act on it. When you really in all truth mend your ways and can convince me that you have, you will find that I will do all in my power to help you get an education or do anything else in my power for you.

I paid the Endeavor Society the \$8.00 that was supposed to be on hand when your term of office expired, but I can not advance any more money for you. Last you forget, I am listing below a few items that I have paid for you:-

Balance El Paso account	\$ 20.00
Conductor's Suit	15.00
Endeavor money (old)	6.00
Endeavor money (new)	8.00
Odds (Punch, etc.)	2.00
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	\$ 51.00

Mother can not possible go through further experiences like your recent actions here. It will break her down. Moreover, it will be better for you, if you remain away from Houston and depend upon your own resources until you get a better grip on yourself.

I shall pray daily, old man, that you may learn to look to the Lord for help, for He alone can help us. Remember that we love you.

Sincerely your brother

1:00 P M

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Pasadena, Cal. OCT 14 1911 191

Dear Mother:

We are well and everything is O.K. Heard Sousa and his wonderful Band the other night. He is certainly a master and enjoyed it very much. It is seldom that we attend anything outside but this was too good to miss.

The new Y. M. C. A. here held its opening last night and we took the Stroder children. It is 4 stories and Basement, similar to Houston Building. Music, crowds, sightseeing, made up the evening.

We are in love with the new home and inner room. Put up a good chicken house, will build pens, and have one hen and nine little ones to start with. Gardening is started on a good scale and we have quite a variety of everything. Laid off our flower beds with cobblestones, like foundation, and have pansies, pinkies, sweet peas, nasturtiums and geraniums in already. Will get ferns from the Arroyo and lot of vines and flowers from nursery nearby. Have a lawn about 20 ft. by 30 ft. to put in also, besides lots more gardening.

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Pasadena, Cal. _____ 191_____

It is so nice to have an own home, be free and independent, and we work around place every spare moment. Good incentive to work, too, and healthful to exercise my muscles regularly. Have good axe, hand saw, hammer, heavy grub hoe, garden hoe and rake, 50 ft. of garden hose, and an inclination to work regularly. We ought to do something, ought we not?

Health continues good, (perfect in fact, weather is dry, warm and sunshiny, and all in all, I think we are ideally situated, with many, many things to be thankful for.

Have not heard from Kirby or Perry lately. Hope Perry is busy at work again and satisfied. May you keep well and get along O.K. is my wish.

Woman suffrage now all over Calif. on the 10th and women may vote now, same as men. I voted for it, although Norma does not care to vote. They do not have any poll tax to pay, only the men. The big trial is on in Los Angeles now. Trying to convict some Eastern labor union men of blowing up a Los Angeles newspaper plant with dynamite last October. Big time, lots of hurrah!

all is well for this time. With best wishes and a prayer,
Lovingly,

Leah.

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DEALERS IN

ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER LIME, LATH AND CEMENT

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Pasadena, Cal. ————— 191 ————

than side walls, which are deep tan and light brown. Bath room is white tile effect up half way and balance of walls and ceiling are leaf green. We cook on screen porch, use gasoline until we can get gas, and have best oven I could buy. It is separate, asbestos lined, adjustable shelves, drop door which forms slide in front to pull things out on. Pantry is well stocked with all kinds of fruit 40 or 50 jars anyway, and we have unusually good assortment of kitchen utensils and dishes. Have two water sets, one is bottle and 6 glasses while other is gold leaf heavy pitcher and 6 glasses to match. Have the exquisite chocolate set presented by Intermediary, a silver fruit stand, glass holder sets in it, have lots of silverware, silver syrup pitcher and tray, silver butter dish, cut glass bowl, cut glass large water pitcher, cut glass vase. Our table napery is very best and Norma has worlds of pretty spreads, center pieces, doilies, etc. Have 6 home-made quilts, 6 sets of home-made lace edged pillow slips and lot of other stuff. Our Bookcase has overflowed and soon we will order more sections, including a writing desk to match. I tell you this, not through vanity, but as you may know what we have and something how the place looks. There are lots of things we want that we can't have now but I think we are well supplied and ought to be satisfied. I need not say we are supremely happy.

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Pasadena, Cal. _____ 191

Our sidewalks are cobblestone, filled with shavings for bottom, covered with gravel and sand. We are getting straightened out inside too and house is right pretty. Our cut glass and dishes look well in sideboard and plate rail near all around dining room, laden with attractive dishes, etc. We have a fine dining table, good chairs, ice box, sewing machine, in dining room. But the crowning glory of this room is the large amber chandelier that drops from center of ceiling by large chain, to about 18" from dining table. Its red pretty and has fringe hanging down around large globe. In the living room we have the sectional Bookcase, library table, couch, small table, and chairs. Have large art squares on each of these two rooms and have other floors stained and enameled. Use large rug in bedroom and bath room. We have a number of fine pictures on the walls. My diploma hangs in living room and 3 or 4 paintings in dining room. In bed room we have bed, best springs and a 16⁰⁰ mattress, dresser, chiffonier, and chairs. The lights in this room are adjustable, one on each wall and one on week, about 5 feet from floor and can be moved up and down on either side for a foot or more. Very nice to dress by. Shades are tan to match walls, on all windows and the front door. Ceilings from picture moved up and lighter

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October 14 1911

Mr Kirby Page

University Place Station

Des Moines Iowa

My dear old man Kirby:-

I don't think I have written you since my return from Corpus Christi, although I have heard from you twice and it is a shame that I have been so negligent but I know that you will pardon me when I tell you that I have been working over time going out of town every Sunday to speak on the Men and Religion Forward Movement and for the last four or five days I have been at home laid up with a severe attack of acute bronchitis.

There are so many things going on here these days that I would hardly know where to begin to tell you all of them.

We have just had a meeting of the Board this morning and I am enjoying a little respite and breathing spell at my desk, while I read the Minneapolis papers on the Men and Religion campaign, visit with you and watch Horace restore order out of chaos. You know that Horace has inherited that part of your job.

Mike's educational work is opening up with much sounding of trumpets and with more strenuous evidence of speaking including a complimentary dinner to the members of the Alexander Hamilton Institute and a supper for his faculty, with all present but two and those two were out of the city. Mike surely deserves to be congratulated and his friends are not slow to do it. His preliminary work including his advertising was of a high order and he has spared neither time nor strength in his work. The other men too have cooperated with him in advertising at the shops and factories in a magnificent way.

improve, but she grew worse.
She was slow + dense.

When I told her I tried to
tell her kindly + offered
to keep her one, two or
three weeks or more + help
her get a place but no, not
she! She left at once, but
not until she told me
I did not do her right +
+c. She left at once. I
felt very badly for I
wanted to be helpful to
her + think I could.

I hear she has gone
back to school. She ought
to. You may pass this
on to your girl.

Remember I love you + Auntie M. Kern.

Godfrey's work is equally encouraging with Herbert as a loyal supporter.

Younts controlled the entire stage with Snyder in town on his way to Korea and last Sunday he had Dr Vinson in the Assembly Room speaking to a full house, issuing in an opening of his Bible Study work. While next Sunday he will be bold enough to feature Bishop Mouzon in the Prince Theatre, and so the year goes ~~merely~~ *work* on.

ushering in Bellmont and Roy are having a great opening week success in every way and Bellmont took luncheon with the Board and gave his report to them in person today.

Garrett has been in action since the first and is coming along nicely.

Horace, John, Douglass and all the rest are doing "just fine" as Miss Mitchell would say, but I think they are all pining for you and especially the girls.

in which We certainly did appreciate that letter of yours that you deemed a message for every one. I sent it to your Mother with another one that I knew she would enjoy. I have been over to see her once or twice.

included Bellmont will have a second Assistant Physical Director Walter Campsey, beginning next week.

I am so very glad that you are so well located with such congenial work.

Witter and the I am wondering if you ever received the letters of introduction which I sent you from Mr Brasted to Mr Auditor of State. Although you may not need them to find work, I hope you will meet these gentlemen as they may be helpful to you.

We are all getting along well and the prospects look good for a good winters work.

Let us hear from you often and let us know about your work.

With love from all, I am

Sincerely yours

Dear Kirby's
the Stereographer *Forgive* *over* *H. M. Minger*

This was written too late to rewrite
 & I positively refuse to hold it
 over. This stenographer is Miss
 Goldsmith's successor.

I must let her go also. She
 is a good girl Miss
 Herve Johnson but her
 spelling is bad and she
 does not get dictation well.

Now about Miss Goldsmith.
 - It is no secret ~~and~~ and I shall
 be glad to tell you.

She was a nice girl, but simply
 did not make good. She could not
 spell nor write a good letter.

The boys complained so much
 that I dictated to her a while &
 she always had to re-write
 five out of six of my letters.

I had not the heart to let her
 go at first, hoping she would



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 14, 1911.

10:am

Dear boy of mine:

Well. I really did get a letter from you yesterday noon. I just thought that you never would write me again. I really do think you treated me fine (?). However, I am not going to punish you as I suppose you are rather busy. I am l-a-z-y this morning. Have no boss at all or a-tall or any all and if someone does not come pretty soon I am going out to look at a pony for my own little self.

Say what do you think I did, I wrote the first paragraph of this letter and shut up the machine and left it for about two hours and forgot all about it. Nice one, I am. ? Well, no harm done, no one saw it or even knew it was here. I really should be doing lots and lots of work today, but I am not. I am going to town pretty soon and spend all of my money. Believe me, I am going to spend it too. Those kids are fairly making me howl. They want everything they see and make up a tale that they need it and have to have it and of course they get it. It will soon be time though when they cant fake up anything more on me and then I will take a rest.

Dan has gone to Dallas today and There is only Mrs. W. and albert and Francis and myself here. Old man Guilmartin is out for a while. I wish he would keep his nose where it belongs, away from here.

Write me oftner boy, if it is only a line on a card. You can do that easily. I shall try to be good tomorrow to make up for all the time I am not good during the week. See?

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Alma



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 16, 1911.

Sweetheart:

Dear, I do wish you would write me more letters like the one I got today. It made me feel good. Time is flying by and maybe it will go by faster when the weather gets colder. It is rather cool today and guess it will be cooler still tomorrow which will suit me to a T.

Went to Endeavor last night with Miss R. and the two kids. I, the honorable I will lead Endeavor next Sunday and Leggett has already promised to come and come after me too so I will be sure he gets there. See? I am going to try and get all the other people I know and I dont car how many I dont know go. I just positively dont care to look at empty seats. It makes me weak in the knees. I'll do my best. I didn't get to talk last night because I waited a little too long to think my talk up. See?

Things going rather smoothly down here just at present. All except the thorn in our side. Dan and I sure do have a time. It is all we can do to keep from snubbing her head off. I do wish she were somewhere besides here, but I guess God put her here and he surely must have His reasons for doing so. I will take my medicine as calmly as I possibly can, but it sure is a good thing I can hold my tongue shut up in my head, or there might be something besides love lost around here.

Oh boy I wish I was with you.
However that time will soon come.
I get a little lonesome sometimes when
I get alone for a while. Good night my boy.
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Alma.



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Houston, Texas, October 18, 1911.

My dear boy:

Alls well at this end of the line and doing fine. Hope you are the same. Am having the time of my life just at present and nothing to grumble about. Only I do wish you were here to help me have a good time.

Haven't seen anything more about your tennis. Hope you win some part of the game more than the first, but of course you will. Guess there will be something in the Delphic tonight. Don't run around too much and neglect your studies and are you going to tell me how you are getting along in them? I wish you would.

I forgot to tell you Mr. and Mrs. Belmont were at the church Sunday night and I got to speak to them. I think I will spring quite a surprise on most of them Sunday when I go there with Leggett. They all forever keep reminding me that you are gone and ask if I am not lonesome, just as if I could help being lonesome sometimes.

I really must go now, dear it is getting so late. With lots of love, I am,

Yours as ever,

Alma

Herbert C. Leggett

October 20 1911

My dear Perry:-

In a letter from mother today I learn that you have already quit school and are wasting your time in "riotous living". This makes me feel mighty bad, old fellow, for I had hoped that you would take a brace and mend your ways and make a MAN of yourself, and I am sorely disappointed in you.

I think the time has come, Perry, when I ought to say some very plain things to you, as unpleasant as the task may be. I think you have shown the basest ingratitude to mother, after all that she has gone through for you. You seem to have forgotten that it was through her labors, and not your own, that you were enabled to purchase books and have another opportunity to improve yourself; you seem to have forgotten that she has labored unceasingly for you and I ever since the time we were born; how she has worked early and late, day in and year out, for our comfort; how she has gone without proper clothing and even proper food, that we might have a good time; how she is laboring now, while you, a great big strapping man, loaf around and do nothing; or even worse than nothing and make her life miserable and almost unbearable by your actions and treatment of her.

Perry, what under the sun do you mean by acting this way? Don't you know that you are simply killing her? Don't you know that you are ruining your morals and health? Don't you know that you will send your own soul to torment, if you don't change? Don't you know that you will lose even the respect of the girl you say you love? Don't you realize that you are not happy in this kind of a life? Why, oh why! will you ruin yourself in this way?

If you have a spark of manhood in you, you won't loaf around and let mother feed you. If you can't make up your mind to act decent, then for goodness sake, go away off somewhere where you are not known, and see if you can't overcome some of your temptations.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, I want you to remember that I love you and am praying for you, and even yet I am hopeful that you will mend your ways. If I did not care for you, I would not go to the trouble of writing you this letter.

Affectionately your brother



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Houston, Texas, October 20, 1911.

9:30 am.

Dearest boy:

Received your letter with Mr. Mungers inclosure this morning. You sure did write a good one yourself. I like to get them. I want you to tell me all about your going around, because then, I can go with you in my thoughts. See.

I am glad you sent Mr. M.s letter. It is really as I expected. Annie is not any too bright. (You know I am so bright that almost all the other girls seem dull beside me, and I think myself so important). I thought maybe it was because she did not dress well enough, because you know, and I know that no man wants a girl in his office that does not look nice. And deliver me from the dense kind. I have to put up with one all day long not six feet from me. It really is a good thing I am here to help her though. I went down and got a big dictionary and gave her with the compliments of the company the other day and I have since referred her to that and kept right on. Still, she is always asking my opinion of this and that and she never will learn to be original. However, she is doing as Mr. Dawson says, "If you can't originate or initiate, For the Lords sake IMITATE." I really hate to see Annie get along so badly. You know she has had a better education as far as school goes than I, but that is not always it. it is just merely what they absorb in daily life. A first class steno just positively has got to be original, and be able to patch up a letter when it needs it and turn it wrong side out if that is better, and above all, a steno must know something about the use of grammar. Thank the Lord I am a good spell-er and also good on grammar and such when it comes to writing. I can also turn out some speed work sometimes.

I have a grand surprise for you. I also, have not been idle the past week or so. I told you I was having the time of my life, well I met Dick recently and we are just having a grand, glorious time together. I have quit riding the street cars at all and let Dick carry me to and from work all the time. We have come to be almost inseparable companions and I am afraid you will have to get a little jealous of him. He is just simply grand and I am afraid you will have a rival in my affections for I have already fallen head over heels in love with him, as has everyone that sees and knows him. I tell you he is just splendiferous.

I am afraid the Endeavors are going to have a poor leader next Sunday as I am not taking enough time to prepare my lesson. I am so occupied with looking after Dick and petting him that I just simply cant get my mind on anything. He is just the pettest pet you ever say. He is really worse than you about wanting to be petted. just follows everyone around and makes us pet him. I am sure I am going to get a great deal of good and pleasure from my investment, which is comparatively small to what I have already been offered, and I am the envy of all the girls and even Wyatt says he envies me.

May 6/10, Dover, Penn. May 16/10
Dover, Pa. to 1/10/10 Alma

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10/23/11

Dear Kirby:-

No doubt I am the only man on the force who has not written you, but I have two good reasons. First, I have fired my social secretary. We could not get along so I payed him back the four bits I had borrowed from him and told him to beat it. And the second reason for my not having written you is, that since you left I have been the only representative of the Y.M.C.A in the Heights. I felt it my first duty to keep up the fin record we had established, so I have been working over time in order that we might hold our possessions over there. And just here I might state that everything is going on in fine shape. I was not able to go but three times last week. Was out there last night and believe me she was looking fine. She is going to Waco next week to a house party and will be gone about two weeks. Guess I wil feel about as much out of place as you did the week your lady was away. I see your girl on the street occasionally but I dont believe she knows me or at least I am afraid to try to speak to her for fear I might get it in the neck.

Well everything is going on here in fine shape. I am sorry to say that Mr Munger is in bed and has been for some days and the Dr says he will have to stay there for some time yet. He has not been at all well for about two weeks but you know how he is. He just would not stay in bed till he was made to do so. I suppose you know we now have Porter Donnly in Joes' place? I think Donnly is going to be a good one for the place, for he is such a good jolly fellow.

The membership is still on the slow increase. The last



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 24, 1911.

Sweetheart:

Oh, MY boy. I am rather tired tonight. but will be all O.K. in the morning. I have just about worked the ends of my fingers off today. Somehow, or other, when I get a little tired, that is when I miss you more than ever. I just want someone to pet me.

Went to Endeavor with Leggett, Sunday night and we had a very nice time, but Oh, boy, there is a difference. He just treated me as nice as he possibly could, but he is not like YOU. I miss you when I am with someone else, and I am forever comparing you with other boys. I don't see why other boys don't get ashamed of themselves and be like MY boy. They all have some disagreeable habit or other, like smoking, or something of the sort.

I did not write you yesterday, because I just simply finished so late and was in a hurry and wanted to get home. It was rather late when I got there even then. I am not finished tonight, but just taking this time to write you a line.

Am certainly sorry that Perry has let himself loose again. I don't know what there is to be done for him except to just let him go. He may or may not get ashamed of himself some day and do better.

Truigly yours
Alma.

G.A.H.

1080 TWENTY-SECOND STREET
DES MOINES

Dear Page:

I hope to see you at the first
cabinet meeting next tuesday at 4:00.

We wil revise the constitution at
that time and discuss other important
matters. Dont forget time April 2^d,
place Y.M.C.A. room.

Yours for big days,

Geo Alvin Leake.

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Houston, Texas. October 26, 1911.

Sweetheart:

It makes me feel good to get a letter like the one I got today, the one you wrote Sunday night. I am proud of my boy and I know that he will make good. You are bound to succeed because everyone expects it of you; but most of all, you will succeed because you have the stuff in you to make a successful man. That is what counts.

Have been all by myself today, the widow was sick and stayed at home, and Mr. D. was out of town all day, so I have been somewhat alone. Better that though than having her around bothering me. I am only too glad to get rid of her.

Keep up your good work and you will some day be ready to come back to me, and then I will see what I can do

C. J. 321
Alma

"J."



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Houston, Texas, October 28, 1911.

Sweetheart:

I wonder what you are doing now? To tell you the truth I am not doing much of anything. I am just simply loafing and I really ought to be getting up material for my catalog. If they don't fix it up like I want it I am going to tell them what I think of them, and if they do, I am going to send you a copy and let you see what I can do.

Things are about the same as they have been for quite a while, and I am spending more money than ever and ~~having less~~, however, that can't be very well helped when I take into consideration what I have had to buy and then daddy is still out. I wish the shops and the whole blooming shootinmatch was in Halifax. I do. Tell you what, this marrying business is a pretty serious thing and I do hope that if mother ever has to pick again she will make a better selection. She could have done better. Those two kids are as sassy as ever and just want everything in creation and of course I have to buy it. Hope I will soon get them fitted out.

I am going to send you something Monday if I can. Don't expect too much, but just wait.

Yours,

Alma



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Houston, Texas, October 30, 1911.

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R. F. ISBELL, SECRETARY & TREASURER.

Its just raining to beat the band down here today and so wet and chilly. Not real cold but cold enough to be annlying. I have a bad case of cold headedness and consequently will pretty soon have to go into the laundry business to supply myself with handkerchiefs.

Got your letter today saying you were pretty near the finals in the Tennis tournament. Hope you will win, but please dear, don't let it give you the big head any more than you have it.

Say, what do you think, the old maid, the Hon. Miss Eva Goldsmith is walking hand in hand with Dr. Lockhart and the others in the forward movement and in looking into conditions of working girls. She says she believes she likes preachers better now than she used to. That is since she has met Dr. Lockhart and Mr. Whaling. THEY are ITT, in her opinion.

Am doing pretty good today with about all the work I can pull through with. It seems like everybody has some little job they want me to do and nobody but ME can do it right. Ah-hem! MEMEMEME~~MEMENTHE~~ just ME. Jimmie Jr. has a job he wants me to do in a day or two. Can't anyone else do it right but ME. Can't anyone else write ads but ME. Some class to ME!

I was going to the Wesley House Halloween party tonight with all the kids and anyone else that would tag along, but the rain has knocked it all in the head. Dick and I are still the best of pals. Everybody wants to steal him or buy him, but I want him too, and whats more, "I got him" ✓
Some class to us too. Just you wait. Cant surprise you today but will try to let you know tomorrow. Dont know for sure, but will do my best. Dont be disappointed or too expectant of something or anything, much.

Drinking - food
in summer -
10000 - xxxxx

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October 31 1911

Dear Friend:-

For several weeks I have been in bed with a severe attack of acute bronchitis and indeed have not been out yet.

Father has been very poorly and goes today to the sanitarium where he will have an important operation tomorrow. I shall go there and be with him through it and will let you know the results, Mother is fairly well.

Pray for us at this time.

Sincerely yours

I E MUNGER



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 31, 1911.

2. Pm

Dearest boy:

You will have to pardon me for not returning Mr. Mungers letter to you sooner, but you haven't forgotten my remarkable forgettory, I am sure.

Enclosed you will also find the little surprise I am going to give you. I am a real wild west show girl now. Don't I look it. Whenever you want to tell anyone where you are from, just show them my picture and they will know. (?) That is, if you tell them you are from the same place.

Still have a cold and mother has now offered me the use of what sheets she has left. They don't last me long. I have quit the handkerchief business. It don't pay/

Went to town today and came back empty-handed and none the better off. Today was pay-day. Tell you what, these bills don't make a fellow feel rich when he decided he will pay them.

I did intend going around to see your mother last Sunday but could not get off as Maggie and Tom came to spend the day with us, and they stayed until real late. Just my luck. Haven't heard anything from or about Perry lately. Whats the news? Do hope he is doing better.

Must stop now, Yours ever, ever, ever,

Alma

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P.O. DRAWER M

Houston, Texas, October 31, 1917.

Dear Sir:

There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy---if I may.

R.L.S.

Went to town today and came back empty-handed and none the better off. Today was pay-day. Tell you what, these bills don't make a fellow feel right when he decided he will pay them.

I did intend going around to see your mother last Sunday but could not get off as Maggie and Tom came to spend the day with us, and they stayed until real late. Just my luck. Haven't heard anything from or about Perry lately. What's the news? Do hope he is doing better.

LAURENCE J. HARRIS



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 2, 1911.

Sweetheart;

Not much to do today. That is, there was quite a good deal to do but I got an early start and finished early.

It is rather cool today and I think it is getting colder all the time. I had to wear my coat at noon, and have had to wear it in morning and evening for quite some while.

Nothing from you today as you did not write on Sunday night. Got a letter from Foster L. the other day. Dan said that if he were you he would not allow him to write to me, but I told him you did not know anything about it or that it enough to hurt you, and anyway, you were too far away to have any weighty objections. I let Dan see a portion of one of his letters, that is the reason he said what he did. -(?)????????

Am going home early tonight and have a good warm ride of it. It is much warmer riding then it is in the street car. You have no idea how much better it is. and then, I never get my feet muddy except when I get on or off the horse.

Write me some long letters once in a while.

Yours ever,

Alma

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My dear Mother:

I have just heard from Mrs. Eische who tells about Perry's doings with the watch. Oh, how my heart aches for you, for myself and for poor old Perry boy. I am so sorry but can not think of a thing to say or do. I wish you could catch him off and make him shift for himself. I had feared he would steal, how I hate to write it, but hoped for the best. I can't think of a thing except to turn him adrift absolutely. Perhaps he would do worse and go to the bad but it can't be helped. It is almost assured that he does not appreciate anything or anyone's efforts in his behalf so why let him drag you along into it any further. How I wish I had some money and could help you in your need. But I am behind several hundred dollars now and simply can't see a thing open but to live close and catch up later on. We are both working day and night to get our plumbing, paint, electric fixtures, etc. paid for and have so many other things to pay for besides these. Can't you turn Perry out and get some peace? Money is so needful but there are other things too and you need quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

I have written Perry asking him to tell me his side of everything. I shall try to reclaim him. Trust me.

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I can't see why it must be that he do all the evil things he does but try to think about it as little as possible. Could Uncle Leon help him or you in this time of crisis? Why not send him there or better still go there yourself. They would be glad I know to have you for a while and perhaps financial matters will resolve themselves into a better condition. I could borrow some money if you decided to make the change, anything to have the present situation changed and you different surroundings. I wish you could have rest on the other hand, as Perry can't do more to under any circumstances than he has done, to make him look out for himself might help him. Nothing to lose and a chance to gain a little. Have been wondering if he would do any good here but decided he is hopeless case. Guess he would loaf, gamble, and steal all of our things he could get his hands on. I simply don't know what to say or do, I am stumped. Write me your decision please and if there is anything I can do, God knows I am willing to try. I hate to see him go down to perdition. God bless you, mother, and may He save the prodigal your boy.

Nov. 4, 1911.

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Pasadena

Mrs. Isabella Page:

We just had a letter from mamma telling us of Perry's wrongdoings and your trouble with him.

Leak has written you of our financial condition and we cannot help you in that way, but if you feel you could be satisfied out here with us,

we will do what we can
to make things a little
easier for you.

I have been sewing
for a dressmaker at
odd times, but have other
work now. She called for me
the other day. wants me
regularly, and I believe
you could get in there.
This would keep you with
some money and inde-
pendent, and work when
you felt like doing so.

We have a good couch in the living-room, and while our home is small, we could make you comfortable. We live very quietly, are far out, and you would enjoy the peace and quiet.

Of course we could not have Perry. He must learn to care for himself and see what it means to have responsibilities.

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If you care to do this,
Leak says you might sell
some of the furniture to
pay your fare. There are
low rates on now too.

Please let us know what
you will do that I may
make arrangements with
Miss Collick before she
engages all the help she
needs, in the event that
you come. She is just
back from New York,
and does very nice
work. Sincerely,
Norma Page.

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Dear Friend:—

Mr Munger has asked me to say that he was on Wednesday morning, November 1, in the operating room for over two hours and a half while his father, Mr I C Munger, submitted to an operation. The outcome was more serious than was anticipated.

On entering the abdominal cavity the appendix was found to be diseased and was removed, but a cancerous growth prevented the completion of the original operation, the removal of the prostate gland, and in the judgment of the surgeons limits the probability of his father's life to a matter of months.

On this, the fourth day after the operation, the immediate danger point is passed, Mr Munger having withstood the shock of the operation itself very well, and he is resting quietly and gaining strength.

You will understand, of course, that this is not for publication but is written only to Mr Munger's relatives and friends. Also kindly remember in writing to Mr and Mrs I C Munger not to mention the dark side of the matter.

Sincerely yours

Fred Brasted

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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 6, 1911

Dearest Boy:

Why in thunder don't you write a letter? I am not out receiving notes. I don't believe you know how to write a real letter, at least I haven't seen one for so long that it seems they are rare things to come from your burg. That poor little measly note I got this morning looked as if it had been through a pressing machine, and it looks just like quite a few of its predecessors. How about it? You going to let me do all the writing?

What do you think? I am going to the Carnival Ball again and Little Willie is going to take me. ~~HE~~ is going to take ~~ME~~. He has a membership this year. Isn't he nice?. And guess what? I am going to have a new dress to wear. Gee, but it is going to be a dress. I'll be just as nice with it as I can and save it long enough to let you see it when you come back, if I can. I expect he will want to take me away from you when he sees me in it. Don't you? I'll just tell you what, It sure is going to be some dress.

I am coming into my own now, The church has started a work that will just suit me and something I have wanted to see for a long time. All the churches are going to take it up, but we discussed it yesterday. It is simply this;

There are, as you know, about a thousand or more boys and girls here in boarding houses and the like that have no home influences and have no place to take their company to when they have any. It is the plan of the churches to throw open their doors to these young people and provide amusement and home influences for them. Guess I'll have to be chief love adviser, as that seems to be my role everywhere else. I really do think I will like it very much, the work, I mean. The Baracas and Philatheas and the Endeavors are all going to work together, which has been what is needed all along. In fact it is too, a plan to bring the young folks together to work just like the older folks seem to do. It is a big task and I think all fully realize it. It carried the Philatheas as a whole. All voted in favor of the work.

One reason why it carried me so forcibly, is that Saturday, we had quite another drama here, and as usual I was the sole audience. Bless the luck, I wish Jimmie Sr. would stop dragging me in and wanting my ADVICE. He must think I am a sort of Saint. What if he knew me like you? Well, anyway, Nellie had another crying fit, and it is all on account of a worthless good-for-nothing scamp who doesn't care a rap for her, but is just playing with her, and she, poor fool, has no better sense than to let him keep it up. Well, you know she boards on Main street, but she has not the proper surroundings. She has no woman friends she can go to, and she just has to tell someone, so she comes out here and tells Jimmie and I. Now, it struck me this way, if that poor fool had any relationship with God whatever, she could save herself the embarrassment of telling people who are almost strangers, and besides that, she could find a rest and peace of mind that we cannot give her, besides untold strength and power of self control. Tell you what, it struck me as sympathetic for once in my life. She was an utter wreck, and helpless as a baby. But the worst of it is, she is the hardest to reach, because she has a place to take her friends, even if she has no better influences.

If you have any ideas at all about the matter, or can take time to study out some plan to help us, just don't wait a minute, but sit down and write it to me at once. We will take up any plan anyone puts up to us to start off, if it seems feasible.

I rode for about two or two and a half hours yesterday on the stretch. I am getting to be some rider now. I just go down that Boulevard, as Silas says, Like a streak or lightning. People still stare at me and turn around to look at me and see if I am still sticking to the saddle, but I am fooling them all and sticking to him for dear life. The kids along the road call me 'circus lady' and all such things. Those pictures I sent are pretty much as I look.

Write me a real letter, just for once, boy dear. If you don't I know who will, and maybe who has.

Yours as ever,

Alma



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P.O. DRAWER M

Houston, Texas, November 8, 1911.
5 pm.

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Dearest boy:

Been going like a steam enging all day and not finished yet. Just head over heels in work today, but I do hope we will have a little breathing spell tomorrow as the Endeavors will give the Philatheas and Baracas a social to get acquainted and all such. It is in reality just to get them closer together and better known to each other so they can go along easier in the work they are taking up. I am going and all the rest are going. that is, Little Willie, Elsa, Johnnie, Miss Rou, and probably A Miss Alexander, who has moved out there near us. Her brother is a Baptist and has been here for a while and I expect you know him. She is a CHRISTIAN. He is a rather nice looking chap and it seems I have seen him at the Y.M. We are going to have a jolly good time and make things hum some. Elsa said tell you hello for her the next time I wrote, so you can take this as her best regards. Dick didn't come to work with me today because he couldn't swim. See? However, hope it will be sufficiently dry to allow him to come tomorrow. Little Willie and I are getting quite chummy. Better watch out.

Yours lovingly, *Alma*

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Dear Kirby:

your nice breezy letter reached us today. Congratulations on your good fortune, prowess, popularity, and progress. It does my heart good to have such good news from you. You certainly cleaned them up in tennis and I believe will land first place several times before your departure. The Christian Endeavor item is the best of all. It shows that merit will be recognized and that a good man, one good for something, will come to the top. You are something like good rich cream, rise to the top overnight. It's good to be popular and successful, only don't let it go to your head. My son.

I am very glad you can turn out work that runs into dollars so quickly. Keep it up and watch out for other channels into which your efforts may go. And the room-mate is from Montana. That's good and I venture to say he has some sense. Better for you than if he trailed from Chicago or New York. Remember to make some records in your studies, that's what counts.

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I am sure you will forge ahead rapidly even if it is "Greek" to you at first. You do not seem to worry about the high cost of living, glad of it, for this gives you more time and energy for other things. This is a bully old world, for you and me, but I fear Mother and Perry do not think so. Doubtless you have it all before this.

but here is a condensed statement to date. but here is a condensed statement to date. Perry no work, Oscar took him in jewelry shop, he works three days, "lifts" fine watch & pawn it, Oscar and others track him, he owns up, cries and returns part of money rec'd. Mother phones Lockhart, mamma Eische several times, is almost crazy. I have this from Mrs. Eische no word from Mother or Perry. I was led to believe she would leave H. shortly. Wrote her on 3rd, suggesting she go herself or send Perry to Uncle Fern, also that she quit Perry for good. Norma went one better on 4th and wrote her to come to me here if she came to do it. He can't leave Perry but could show with her. Perry can go it alone, ought to be in reform school or at Uncle Fern's, away from temptation until he is stronger and more settled. I wrote him a very decent letter, no reproach or severity, only reminded him of boyhood days and pleaded with him to do better. Asked him to write me his side.

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what he has done, why, ambitions, hopes, etc. There has not been time yet for reply to either of the three letters. Can't regard a guess even as to probable replies. So there you are briefly.

Norma is demonstrating in down town store this week to make money to help out in our time of shortage and accumulated debts. She is dearer than ever to me and we really understand and enjoy each other. I hope that only a very few more weeks will be required of this. She has done some sewing at home too, and will again later on. There was several hundred dollars to meet so she is helping out. New place, plumbing, painting, electric fixtures, etc.

The home is a cozy one, nicer each day, and we have done much to ground already. Have a fine start for garden and have ferns, geraniums, sweet peas, nasturtiums, pansies, etc. flourishing. I am preparing ground for a lawn this week and hope to put in next week. Gets dark so early now don't have much time to work. We are home almost every evening now and our game is dominoes. It is nip and tuck all the way. Read a great deal and just talk and love and spoon. Our cat is a great pleasure, as are also the chickens. It's a quiet happy life we are having, despite finances, and not a ripple or trouble of any kind to mar it. The striving after applause, notoriety, and favor of others has given place to peace and satisfaction with just each other and the dear home life.

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I am in fine favor with my employer. In fact we are more like pals and chums than boss and hired man. Quite like a partnership affair with everything in common. Statement for October showed that after all expenses were paid the business had netted for the one month \$633.70, clear profit. This is \$100.00 better than any preceding month so he is pleased. I am literally manager as he is away days at a time. Everything is up to me and I enjoy the work. Have hopes of owning a share here some day. Think he will have new auto. also in short time.

We are not doing church work at present. Attend occasionally but that is all. They want me to take adult Bible class at Presbyterian Church near home but I have not consented yet.

Norma is in demand in this section already. Has been asked to join Sewing Circle and was offered Socy of Mother's Club. Declined as no time or desire for much society at present.

My ear operated on for appendicitis (and other troubles). Had a hard time of it but seems to be on the road to a speedy recovery. Dr. Moore was the man.

This covers the ground I think. We are well and happy. I weigh 160# now, just 18# more than when I left Houston. Hope to gain some more later. You are in good trim I see. Keep it up.

Good luck to you as ever. We talk of you and your prospects quite often. Best regards and greetings from my sweetheart. Write when you can. Adios.
Lovingly,
Leah



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P.O. DRAWER M

HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 10, 1911.

Dearest boy:

Am just as busy as busy can be and been writing to beat the band all day and haven't started yet. Awful, isn't it?

Well, we went to the social last evening and there sure was a crowd and we had a real fine time. Just dandy. There were about sixty there and it was some mixup. Little Willie went with me and Elsie and Johnnie and Miss Rou all went along. Some childred I had to take care of, Wasn't it. Little Willie and I are getting to be regular pals and I think that by the time he brings his girl down he will be a nice little Christian endeavor boy.

You said the other day that ^{you} would ~~now~~ some day write me a REAL letter, but it has not come to hand yet. Just mere little notes like this one I am writing to you. You must be as rushed as I am. Hope this will end all the work because if it don't it just will not be done next week. Everybody will run around so at night and be so sleepy in the daytime that everything they all do will be worse than if they had left it alone. Me too.

Yours with lots of love,

Alma



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 11, 1911.

My dear boy:

Just been working like thunder all day, but I have about finished now. (4:15 pm) and I am certainly glad because I have had a pretty hard job. Not so hard as it was tiresome, but I am just getting along as good as can be expected. As this is Saturday evening, and I am still of the South, I want to get off early, and if nothing happens I sure will.

Oh, dearie, I just wish you could see the new dress mother is making for me to wear to the Coronation Ball. It is just simply a dream, and I am afraid Little Willie will sure want to take me away from you, but I have already told you that once, I just want to emphasize the beauty of the dress. Wish you were here to go with me when I wear it. Don't know just what I will do tomorrow, because it looks like rain and if rain materializes it will knock everything in the head for me. I am going to have a time next week, if I can, so you need not expect much from this quarter. However, things don't look so very plain now, but heres hoping.

Alma

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Waco, Texas, 11/13/11

Mr. Kirby Page,

Des Moines, Ia.,

Dear Friend Kirby,-

I received your letter several weeks ago, but on account of the president of the company, Mr. M. Holderman, coming down I have been unusually busy during the last few weeks.

I was very much surprised to receive a letter from you so far away. You certainly are a long ways from taw, but suppose you are enjoying yourself immensely where you are. How are you and the class at the church getting on.

I dont know much about a church "gym" class, but if they are anything like a church orchestra they are a pretty hard proposition to handle, as they seem to feel under no obligation whatever to come to rehearsal, only as the spirit moves them.

The Cotton Palace is in full bloom now and things are pretty lively here just now. Tomorrow is Bohemian Day and the town will be full of "Bohunks", and you cant get a breath without inhaling the delicate aroma of Red Top and Kentucky Dew, together with a little touch of garlic, and set off with a whiff of that odor so peculiar to that particular people.

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I went to the Cotton Palace Saturday night to hear Ellis Brook's Band, and about the time of the intermission a hard wind came up, and in about thirty minutes it was cold enough to freeze the hair on a dog's back, and that night we had quite a lot of ice, and as a little souvenir of the occasion I have one of the best colds I have ever had.

Well, I must close now and get back to work, for if I stop an hour it looks like I had a half days work ahead of me.

Hoping that I may hear from you real soon, and that you will pardon my long delayed answer, I am, as ever,

Your friend,



November 13 1911

My dear Mother:-

Your letter containing the bad news came this morning. I hardly know what to do - I don't know that there is anything that I can do. I first, thought I would come home and see if I could help out in any way, but after second thought this does not seem to be the wise thing for me to do, as my coming might not accomplish anything at all and would simply break up my plans.

I must confess that the news did not surprise me very much, although I was hoping for the best. I know that what I am about to say may not seem kind or show any brotherly love, but I can not help but think that it would do Perry a whole lot of good to be locked up for a while, it might bring him to his senses. I am sure that you have done a great deal more than your duty by him already and we both know that he does not appreciate it the least bit. It is beyond me to understand how any human being could act as he has acted after the sacrifices you have made for him. I am not sure but that Oscar is making a mistake in taking him back again. I believe that he ought not be sheltered and protected in his meanness any longer - it seems only to encourage him to even worse things.

I think he has the impression that for your sake he will not be punished and so he goes ahead and does as he pleases. I still think, mother dear, that you are not doing the wise thing to let him stay there and sponge off of you, to say nothing of taking things that are yours. I know that it would be hard for you to turn him away, but can't help but believe that it would be the best thing for him. However, you are the one that has to suffer most, so do as you think best.

Now mother if things get worse and you feel that you need me at home, do not hesitate to wire me and I will come on the next train. You know that I am willing to do anything that will help either Perry or yourself, but do not see how I can do anything to remedy matters. I would like to be home in order to try and cheer you up. That was a mighty cheerful letter that you wrote, everything considered, and I am proud of my brave mother, who has sacrificed and is sacrificing everything for her boys. I'll tell you mother it makes me want to make something of myself in order that I may honor you. I love you best of mothers and wish I might be with you now.

I do not believe it would a particle of good for you to take Perry to a smaller place, although it might. He seems to have it in him to sow his wild oats and I am hoping that he about completed his job. Some of these days he will see how big a fool he has made of himself and will settle down to business. It would be a hard thing for us to have him locked up, but it might tend to hasten this settling down.

It might be a good thing for you to take up the proposition made by Leak and Norma. As they say you could sew enough to be independent and things would be a great deal more congenial for you than they are now. However, I would a great deal rather that you would come here and stay with me. It doesn't cost as much to live here as in Houston and we could both live on mighty little more than it is taking for me alone now. We could make it a flying and would both be a great deal happier than we now are. We could sell the household things for quite a little - more than enough to get you moved here and still have a little to start us here. If it seems wise, I could easily stay out of school the balance of this year and save up enough to start again next fall, but I do not believe this would be necessary. I feel sure that we could make it even if I remain in school. I hope that you will decide to do this and will let me know your decision soon. This would throw Perry on his own responsibility and might tend to settle him down.

I am sending you with this a check for \$50.00, which I hope you will use as seems best to you. However, I have one request to make of you - please don't spend one cent of it on Perry. Even if he gets locked up, please don't pay any fines or anything of that sort, for it would do him more harm than good. I am sure you see the wisdom of this and even though it may seem a hard thing to do, I know that you will not spend any more money on him - no matter what may be the circumstances.

The weather is cold here now - five below zero, and yet I am not feeling the cold hardly at all, in fact I am standing it better than a great many of the old timers here. I bought me a jersey before I won the coat sweater and then you know I had the big white sweater and my overcoat, so I am fixed up swell. I am not out in the cold very much, rarely for more than five or ten minutes at a time, so it does not bother me a bit. In fact, I feel better than ever and have life enough in me to keep on the go all the time. Our room is well heated by a furnace and is as comfortable in every way as could be desired. Last night we all gathered in the parlor and had some music and singing and a general good time. I could'nt want a better place to stay while I am away from home. Financially I am fixed all right, as I am getting all the work to do that I want. I am coming through a flying, and the only thing that worries me at all is that I can not have you here with me to enjoy all the good things that I have. Never you mind though, if we don't get to it before, we will make it next fall, and Here is hoping that it won't be that long.

I love my good, brave mother and wish you might be here with me. I am praying for you and Perry.

Lovingly your old boy



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 14, 1911.

Dearest Boy:

Well, at last I did get around to see your mother Sunday morning. I got up too late to go to Sunday School and I just jumped on Dick and went to see her after helping mother straighten things up a bit. She seemed to be getting along all right and was rather cheeffer. Perry is not working now and she is doing all she can, however, she is doing rather well except that she does not get as much exercise as she thinks she ought to have. She seemed to think Dick was all right and I sure do agree with her.

I rode him the blessed whole day Sunday. Went to your mothers, stopping at the mill, and back home. Then went all over the Heights two or three times and then went in the evening to the Houston Infirmary and back home, and you bet that poor little beast was some tired when he got home and was sure glad to stop. Didn't go to endeavor because some of the others couldn't go and it was so awfully windy and cold that mammy said I should stay at home. First I have missed in quite a while.

You ask me about THE dress, It is not The dress but it is what was to have been the underdress for THE dress. It is just simply a dream and I sure will save it long enough for you to see if I am not kidnapped.

Must quit now, yours as ever,

Alma

2-2-11

(2)

King Parade

Everything here is fine.

Men & Religion here to beat
the bond, Campaigner opens
Dec. 4-11- inclusive big
donors. no hope.

Well Kirby I'm sort of
slowed up on the girl question
I couldn't do my worst
near as well it seemed
with 5 or 6 on my mind.
as in the last month or two
will cover my engagements,
not so bad for me the "Kiddie"
"Intervention" - to give "Horn"
"Audience." & "Shirley Myer." Paul

Dear Old Gook:

11-17-11

Am in the ~~the~~ hole
to-night, its now Thursday
7-5- p.m. and thought
I'd drop you a line or so.
Oh my Kirby, Carnival is
here on us, in full black
Confetti, and all that goes
with it, as you well know.
Dr. Edgar Lovett, the man who
is to have charge of the Rice Smith
was "king" and Miss Anna Van Patten
was chosen "queen".

All the parades this year pass
here, our lobby was full of
folks Tuesday P.M. for the

(4)

Well Kirby, West Texas played
High here to-day beat them
I mean West Tex. beat High 6-5
High failed to kick goal.
Good game.

I guess you ~~was~~ surprised
at Varsity beating A & M. We next.
All the teams here don't like Moran
& won't play here any more
they say. Antony, Simmons, etc.
South Western, Play Louisiana State
here Saturday. Good game expected.

I guess you know before now
that Joe has resigned & Porter & only
now occupies that station.
Doing very well too. (He sure does
kick those balls
in the morning tho.)

(3)

Kirby old boy, this lunch
around here miss you more
than you think, & I believe
you know me well enough
not to think that, what I'm
saying is taffy, because
I'm not much in that line.
But I mean it. Especially
to-day the checker tournament
opened up to day & they all
wanted to know where that
man Page was. Said you
took care of everything for
them etc. I just remember a
couple of their names, Geyler,
Greer, Feris, or something I can't remember.

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least. The Chief knows
what's best, & we sit steadily in
the boat as he says. & I
guess it'll be O.K.
One or two that we looked up
over age.

Slingsby -

Fletcher

Archibald

Witcher

Stuart

Buckley

Magee

Oh I can't remember them all
but about 11 of them.

C.K.B. is not in the bunches

(5)

Kirk, a very important document
will be put in the boxes to-night,
concerning a matter of long standing
that is, about ages in the communities.
The limit you know was thirty five
& they stopped them from coming
in over that age, now the
document is asking the men
over 35 to vacate by Mar 1st.
(MUM). Probably you know of
this but I don't care any how.
It's not in the box yet. sorry.

Think over some of the ages
& you'll readily understand
what we are going to have
to contend with for a while at

(5/

Just 30. (How sad)
Roy & Belmont went to
Halla last night & back
to morning to meet
W. H. Ball I believe of Int. Comtee
about Physical Work.

Bellmont has just started
up for his New Year stunt
he's calling it
"Maze of Merth." This time.
Mike, is busy as usual
has forty clay clays, & several
other new ones.

He surprised us all &
is doing fine.

Larret is all right.
(over)

Mac, Douglas, & h and
all the rest are, going
nicely + with light movement
will soon be O.K.

San Perry this morning as
I was coming to work (about 6-40)
he looked all right & like
he might have been going
to work also. (Intensive)

Batterson going out.

Well but if there's
anything I've forgotten
just remind me of it &
tell it next time.

Each fellow in Conference
always remembers you when he
prays. So doing
Your friend LSC



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 18, 1911.
noon.

My dear boy:

Well, I guess you think I have gone back on you, but I haven't. Been having quite a time since I wrote you. Nothing much at the office, but still am always busy one way or another, generally my tongue.

I went to the Ball Wednesday, and, well, you just ought to have seen. I was more dressed up than you have ever seen me yet. Leggett said I looked like a dream, and a real one at that. He even told mother that he was very likely to marry her girl before he brought me back, but I got back all right and with my same name. Pretty lucky wasn't I? The Ball was a great deal better than it was last year and I enjoyed it very much. We were the candy kids.....

Rode Dick up town Thursday evening to see the Flower Parade, which was some stunt too. The only trouble was that I was just an onlooker. However, it was pretty good and got along very well without me. Dick and I are the best of pals, and I do ride some. Beats street cars all smack, and he can sure go too, better than all the cars and autos put together.

The Widow is as big a fool as ever, if not worse, if that could be. Jimmie D. Sr. is going to New York Monday and I have just got lots of work to do to get him off. Everything is put on me when something important happens. However, he will soon be gone and I can rest. (and read).

Wish you were here with me. I could have a much better time if I had someone to pick and peck on once in a while. The boys won't let me pick on them much. I do get so lonesome sometimes.

Yours with lots of love,

Alma

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Houston, Texas, November 21, 1911.

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Dearest boy of mine:

Didn't try to write you a letter yesterday as I was so very busy that it was about dark when I started home and you know, I don't like to go home in the dark and try to get finished in time to have a little light to see my way. Of course, there are the street lights, but I just simply like to get off early. Have had quite a good deal to do today, but have been a good girl and finished it up quickly. Will have plenty until after Thursday, when J.D.D. finally gets off to New York if he dosen't put it off again.

Gee whiz, but I sure do get some lonesome down here sometimes. The boys all keep away from me as bad as ever, except C.W.L. and he can't very well run around with me too much when he dosen't know what day he will write for his girl to come down here to stay. I guess I must be too dry and oldmaidish, but I can't help that, Old maids are born, not made, and if you will tell me how to do better I sure will try. ~~Yess~~ YOU ought to know what keeps them away, please tell me.

Say, don't you run around with that little girl that looks like me too much, you might mistake her for me some time and then there would be Hail Columbia all around Des Moines, and then I would have to box Mildreds ears in the bargain.

Has your mother written you anything about my going around to see her? If she did, what did she say? Haven't heard anything from Perry lately. I wonder what he really ever means to do with himself?

This old town is as dry of news as the weather, so there is nothing at all to say about current news. I rode all Sunday evening, from about one thirty to about five thirty without being off for more than about an hour in all. Going some wasn't it? We sure do have some rides, Dickie and I, and it does us both bood. I am having such a time putting health back into me after working the rest of the time that I don't have a bit of time for anything else. I am just going to get fat and sassy and try to get strong and active again, so you see I have as much as I can do.

392 alma

Be strong to hope, O heart !

Though day is bright.

The stars can only shine

. In the dark night.

Be strong, O heart of mine;

Look towards the light.



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WACO, TEXAS, Nov-22-1911.

Mr. Kirby Page,
c/o Drake University,
Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Kirby:--

Well, old man, how do you like it by now? Getting pretty cold up that way isn't it?

I ought to be ashamed for not having written you sooner, but you know how business gets rushing down here during the cotton season. The crop this year will be the largest ever gathered, and as a consequence you can imagine we've had to do a little stepping around in order to handle our part of it. In fact I've been so busy that I've almost forgotten how to use the typewriter, because I'm covered up in book-keeping work all the time. Every friend I have has outlawed me because I have just quit writing altogether. But now that I've started again I'll try to get them in a good humor with me again soon.

Kirby, the longer I think about it the more I want to come up and go through with you. It is my firm intention to go to school somewhere next year, and inasmuch as I will be flat "busted" I will have to go to some place where I can arrange to work my way through. At the same time I want to attend a university of the very highest standing; because I want to be a fine doctor when I graduate, old man. I've had



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WACO, TEXAS,

such a bitter financial lesson that I'm somewhat timid about taking steps until I am absolutely clear as to some way of paying expenses. I am not so lucky as you are, and then I lack a good deal of being as good a stenographer as you, because I have been a book-keeper all my business life. At the same time I can work up to where I will be as good as the ordinary steno by the time I start. Again, my expenses would be higher than yours because you are studying for the ministry and have no tuition to pay, while I would have that to pay.

Of course I can get recommendations of the very highest along all lines; I can make good in almost any line of church work; but those things do not pay a man's expenses. If I thought I could land any such position as you have, however, I would not hesitate at all.

I want to prepare for entrance by some home study and reading this winter. I should appreciate it if you would find out for me about what subjects I ought to get busy on, and write me. Also send me another catalogue, as Otis lost the one I had. Let me hear from you soon, and give me your full and free opinion as to the matter and I will certainly appreciate it very much.

Your old friend,

Basil

P.S.:- Excuse this hasty letter:- It is being written during noon hour



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Dearest boy:

Oh, boy dear I do wish you were here. I had a bad headache yesterday evening and most all today and there was no one to cure it for me. Wasn't that too bad? It is much better now, but I am rather nervous from the effects of the medicine. Wouldn't have taken it but wanted to go somewhere tonight and didn't want to have a headache for company. See?

I am sure glad to hear that you are getting along so well in the workaday world. Perhaps you will have quite a reputation by next year, and when you add mine to that, well ----- It will be some combination. What do you say?

Nothing to report from here tonight.

Yours with lots of love,

Alma

G. O. Haskell



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, November 25, 1911.

Sweetheart o' mine:

OH? boy, the time is passing so, it will soon be next year again. I'm lonesome tonight, I don't feel just the best in the world, and I am lonesome for someone to pet me just a little.

That blooming old strike is still as bad as ever. and the men are finding out that if they work anywhere else they will really have to work. They didn't know what an easy time they had until they quit. They are all fools. And I don't believe they will win. Daddy worked on the police force during carnival week. made a few dollars. I am getting tired of him around the house. Looks like he could find something to do, but he dosen't want to do anything if there is any real work in it. I seldom have anything to say to him. You know what sort of a fool he is, and if I should say much to him I might say a little too much. Oh, boy, I wish I had you to talk to a little. There is no one I can talk to now. Of course, I can talk some to Dan, but --not like I could talk to my boy. I am sick and tired tonight boy, and I hope Sunday will do me good.

Good night boy dear, until Monday.

Yours ever,

Wm. J. ... Alma
Wm. J. ...
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Houston, Texas, November 27, 1911.

Dearest Boy:

I promised myself to write you a long letter this evening, but it looks like I will have to go home in the dark if I do. However, I rode on the car today as I wanted to go to town and my skirt didn't look quite good enough to run around town in so I had to dress up.

I done went and bought me a Big Hat. It is a sure enough dress hat and I don't know what I will do with it unless I save it until next year. Will I need it then? I t sure is a dandy. It is all white and has two nice big plumes on it. I got two because I thought it would be a real wise plan because I didn't know just when I ever would ger another one if I didn't get one BEFORE.

Say you have quite a rep. The did says he sure does wish you would come back so he could get some more good cake.

I really must quit now and go as it is dark and everyone else is leaving.

Yours ever,

Alma



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Dearest Roy,

Do you know? I am just simply freezing to death down here. I wish to goodness I had your overcoat, but it wouldn't do much good by itself. Shall I try someone elses? Can I really? It is just as nice and cold in this corner of mine as can be. Has a freeze last night and you just bet your boots everything is "friz up", me too.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and we get a whole half holiday. Do you realize that Christmas is not far off? just twenty five days. Gee. what do you suppose I am going to do about all the presents and eatabilities? and all the rest. Don't think anyone will get much from me, though. I can't to save my life think what I shall give you. Tell Jack to send me a line and tell me what you need. or do you think that would be too dangerous? - -? -? -?

Mother is going to make her fruit cake real soon and , O Gee, Don't it make you hungry? She will make it with the muttonseed meal flour if I can get Little Willie to fix it up for me soon enough. As far as cooking is concerned, we will have a dandy Christmas, but between me and you and the gatepost, I'd like to know where on earth we are going to get things to cook. Tell you what, I am sick and tired of this strike business, and I don't believe they are going to win either. Oh, Baby Dear, I wish you were with me so I could just fuss it out with ~~XXXXXXXX~~ you. I can't fuss to anyone else.

Say, you tell Jack if he dosen't like to hear you talk about me, just to come down here and get a look at the original and have one or two Arguments with same and then he would be better off. (?) Dick and I are still the best pals ever. We sure do have some times, especially this cold weather. I have to be on the lookout all the time to keep him from leaving me behind when he sees anything coming along the road. But I'm a sticker from the word go, and he never can manage to get rid of me. He is just about as spoiled as you are. He doesn't want the boys to bother him at all, and it nearly breaks his heart for anyone to ball at him. He sure does like to be petted too.

I am sure glad the time is going, but it doesn't go fast enough for me.

3 — Alma.

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Thursday November 30 1911

Dear Friend:-

Since my friend, Mr Fred Brasted of Oklahoma City, wrote you on the 4th inst. regarding my father's operation and the serious outcome I have wanted to write you myself and this seems to be the first opportunity. Mother and I want to take this opportunity to say that we have appreciated very much the letters from scores of friends which it has been impossible to answer hitherto.

We brought Father home from the sanitarium Sunday, November 19, bringing the nurse with us. We have had four physicians and they have seen no reason to change the diagnosis as given in Mr Brasted's letter. The cancerous growth mentioned more than doubled in size in the three weeks following operation. Father has been very brave and cheerful, and we are doing our best to keep up his courage. He has been too weak to read the letters, but we have given him the messages which pleased him very much and have contributed greatly to his encouragement.

We know that the operations four weeks ago made possible our still having Father with us and for that, with many other blessings, we are thankful today. Whatever the doctors may believe and say, we shall steadfastly hope and try to keep Father with us these many years and we covet your prayers which go a long way to that end. Besides the nurse we have a good girl and I am trying to take good care of Mother. She has a cough, but her strength and courage have surprised us.

With love and Sincerely yours
My Dear Sir:-

IEM/MLM

You must forgive my not writing more, - I am in deep waters, - work, worry, affliction & the Campaign opening. With love Yours.

I. E. Munger

your good letter need
add to the bunch
We pray daily for you, Mom.